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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

TSUMORU MATSUURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8064

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 17, 2006. The Legal Instruments Examiner indicated that claim 24 has an incorrect status identifier. In response to the Notice the status identifier for claim 24 has been corrected to read "currently amended".

Please cancel claim 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 24 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 to 5 of this response.